

as amended H. Res. 376, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Federal Trade Commission should investigate the publication of the video game "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" to determine if the publisher intentionally deceived the Entertainment Software Ratings Board to avoid an "Adults-Only" rating.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 417, 418 and 419.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NIALL CASEY, NEW AMERICAN CITIZEN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mr. Niall Casey of Ballyheigue, County Kerry, Ireland, as he becomes a fellow American citizen. It is a pleasure to extend a warm welcome to him.

Mr. Casey's journey to America began when he traveled to the beautiful island of Nantucket, Massachusetts in September 1994. Soon he was a part of the Nantucket community, working diligently and earning a reputation as an outstanding carpenter/craftsman. He is well-liked for his engaging personality, warm sense of humor, and impressive knowledge of American history and current events.

Mr. Speaker, America and Ireland have enjoyed a strong and enduring bond of friendship over the years. Those who have come here to begin a new chapter of their lives have enriched America tremendously by sharing their ideas, their literature, their music and their traditions. One of our most beloved Presidents, JOHN F. KENNEDY, drew us closer to his ancestral homeland through his wit and wisdom and made all Americans proud. As we continue to strengthen our ties with the people of Ireland, we are pleased to open our hearts and our doors to Mr. Niall Casey.

After taking his citizenship oath, Mr. Casey will celebrate with neighbors and well-wishers, including Carrol F. White III, a friend and colleague.

Mr. Speaker, we are all fortunate to live in this land of opportunity, and Mr. Casey embodies the qualities that have made our nation great: a spirit of entrepreneurship, industriousness, devotion to community, and love of country. I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Casey on becoming an American citizen and in wishing him continued success.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF JACKSON T. STEPHENS

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a charitable and respected Arkansan, Jackson T. Stephens. Mr. Stephens passed away on July 23, 2005 at the age of 81. He was a businessman and philanthropist who lived an exemplary life of

tremendous accomplishments and I wish to recognize his life and achievements.

Born in Grant County on August 9, 1923, Mr. Stephens grew up on a farm near Prattville, Arkansas, the youngest of six children. A child of the Great Depression and humble beginnings, Mr. Stephens learned the importance of hard work and how to earn his keep. Prior to attending college, Mr. Stephens joined his father on the family farm, and by the age of fifteen, held numerous jobs at the Barlow Hotel in Hope. Upon graduation from high school, Mr. Stephens attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1946.

After graduation from the naval academy, Mr. Stephens joined his brother, Witt, in Little Rock at a municipal bond house. By 1956, Mr. Stephens and his brother bought the Fort Smith Gas Company, calling it Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Company, and an oil and gas exploration firm, renaming it the Stephens Production Company. Stephens, Inc. became the umbrella organization for the businesses, and later Stephens Media Group. Mr. Stephens served as Chief Executive Officer of Stephens, Inc. for 29 years, until 1986.

In addition to becoming one of the world's most successful entrepreneurs, Mr. Stephens was extraordinarily charitable. In 2002, he donated \$48 million dollars to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the largest donation the University of Arkansas has ever seen. Mr. Stephens also gave \$20 million to the Episcopal Collegiate School, \$20.4 million to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, \$5 million to Harding University, and \$10 million to his alma mater, the U.S. Naval Academy. Mr. Stephens once said, "There are only two pleasures associated with money. Making it and giving it away." For 20 years, Mr. Stephens was the primary contributor for The Delta Project, a program aimed at educating underprivileged children in the Arkansas Delta. Mr. Stephens' immense generosity did not end with education. Mr. Stephens was also a remarkable supporter of the arts, and permanently donated to the Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock his personal collection of artwork that include the likes of Degas, Monet, Picasso and Wyeth.

Mr. Stephens also had a tremendous love for golf as evidenced by his enviable handicap of five. He was invited to join the prestigious Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia in 1962, and served as the chairman of the institution from 1991-1998.

Mr. Stephens's contributions to his community and the state of Arkansas did not go unnoticed. In 1965, Mr. Stephens was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Citation from the University of Arkansas and in 1985, was bestowed an honorary law degree by the University. He received the Horatio Alger Award in 1980 and the J. William Fulbright Award for international trade development in 1989. Mr. Stephens was not only a proud member of the Arkansas State Golf Hall of Fame, but also the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame and the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

From a Grant County farm boy raised during the depression, Mr. Stephens turned a small business acquisition into a global enterprise. Mr. Stephens will not only be remembered for his savvy business entrepreneurial skills, but also for his tremendous generosity to underprivileged children, education, and a tremendous appreciation of the arts.

I extend my deepest and sincerest sympathies to Mr. Stephens's wife, Harriet, their sons, Steve and Warren, their six grandchildren, Caroline, Jackson, Mason, Miles, John, and Laura; two great grandchildren, Sydney and Bruce; and two adopted children, Kerry LaNoche and James.

POSTAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 22) to reform the postal laws of the United States:

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Chairman, it is about time Congress took up this important postal reform bill. This legislation is long overdue and I am happy a bipartisan compromise was reached that meets the needs of postal professionals and the Postal Service.

For years I have been hearing from letter carriers, postmasters, mail handlers and other postal employees about the obstacles that prevent them and the postal service from serving our taxpayers in their fullest capacity. I have also heard about their struggles to retain their benefits and receive a livable wage.

That's why I am happy to support H.R. 22 today. This postal reform legislation takes a positive step for the future of the United States Postal Service. Now it will be able to remain competitive while protecting hundreds of thousands of jobs held by dedicated workers. Universal service will continue to expand and meet the demands of our modern mail system. Delivery will improve, rates will become more affordable and communities will have better access to mail services.

Mr. Chairman, again I am pleased that this compromise has advanced, and I look forward to an even greater postal system for our Nation.

COOK COUNTY LEADS THE NATION IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRATION REFORM

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, last week, the Cook County Board of Commissioners passed unanimously an historic resolution in support of S. 1033 and H.R. 2330, the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005. The resolution urges the passage of common sense and realistic legislation that gives a path to citizenship for America's hard-working immigrants. This is the first resolution of its kind in the nation and was supported by the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, leaders from business, labor, community organizations and diverse faith traditions, as well as Governor Blagojevich.

America is a nation of immigrants. Nowhere is that more evident than in the 9th Congressional District of Illinois. We rely on the labor

and other contributions of immigrant workers, especially undocumented immigrants. Twenty percent of jobs in Chicago's growing restaurant, hotel, and manufacturing sectors function because of immigrants who support our economy. I believe this diversity is a source of incredible strength. Immigrants who come to this country work hard to provide for and educate their children and have a better life.

The Cook County resolution recognizes the need for immigration reform. The current immigration system separates families, reduces the effectiveness of national security programs, allows labor abuses, and neglects the hard work and taxes that immigrants contribute to this county. In order for immigrants to succeed, they need immigration laws that make sense, that keep families together, that allow them to send their kids to college, that help them get better jobs and that ease their way to citizenship.

The Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act is our opportunity to enact comprehensive immigration reform. Sponsored in the Senate by Senators McCain and Kennedy and in the House by my Illinois colleague Rep. Gutierrez, it would provide opportunities for immigrants to earn legal status and fully realize their American dream, while protecting our borders.

I support this bipartisan immigration reform plan because it includes access to earned legalization and citizenship, guarantees protections for immigrant and U.S. workers, and addresses the current backlogs of family members who have waited up to ten years to re-

unite with their families in the United States. Immigrants have historically and continue to this day to contribute to our economy and to the diversity and well-being of our communities. It is time for a comprehensive immigration reform.

I am pleased that the Cook County Board of Commissioners has unanimously passed this historic resolution. I urge my colleagues to look at the resolution, which I hope is the first of many, and support H.R. 2330.

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION—RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY THE HONORABLE ROBERTO MALDONADO, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Whereas, the United States were founded by immigrants, who have traveled from around the world to seek a better life; and

Whereas, the United States has a undocumented population of eleven million immigrants, including a half a million in Illinois, more than 300,000 of which reside in Cook County; and

Whereas, Cook County's undocumented immigrants fill key roles in our economy such as paying taxes (including contributions to Social Security that they cannot receive back), raising families, and contributing to our schools, churches, neighborhoods, and communities; and

Whereas, our current immigration system contributes to long backlogs, labor abuses, countless deaths on the border and vigilante violence and is in dire need of reform to meet the challenges of the 21st Century; and

Whereas, any comprehensive reform must involve a path to citizenship for these hard-working immigrants, as well as reunification

of families and a safe and orderly process for enabling willing immigrant workers to fill essential jobs in our economy and ensure full labor rights; and

Whereas, U.S. Representative Luis Gutierrez has joined with U.S. Senators Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and John McCain of Arizona to offer a comprehensive U.S. immigration reform law known as The Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act; and

Whereas, the immigration initiative severely punishes illegal employment practices while creating a path to earned permanent legal status for individuals who have been working in the United States, paying taxes, obeying the law and learning English and protecting workers by ensuring the right to change jobs, join a union and report abusive employment situations; and

Whereas, modernizing our antiquated and dysfunctional immigration system will uphold our nations basic values of fairness, equal opportunity, and respect for the law: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the President and the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby support comprehensive immigration reform and memorialize the Illinois Congressional delegation to urge the passage of The Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005 (SB 1033 and HB 2330) that allows every hardworking, law-abiding individual to achieve the American Dream; and be it further

Resolved, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Illinois Congressional Delegation.